

FY23 Appropriations: Final Summary

Informed by our extensive history and the expertise of our nationwide network, YWCAs called on members of Congress to provide robust funding in the areas of gender-based violence, child care, and housing. We are grateful for the bipartisan efforts to address the ongoing health, safety, and economic challenges facing communities. We look forward to building on this momentum and continue advocating for the full depth of funding need to support survivors, children, and their families.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

Family Violence Prevention and Services Act Program (FVPSA) HHS, Administration on Children and Families

FVPSA is the first and only federal funding stream dedicated to supporting domestic violence shelters. According to USASpending reports, 61 YWCAs in 28 states have received FVPSA funding in the past six years, which—when combined with local, state, and private investments—supports lifesaving services in safety, childcare, housing, transportation, counseling and more.

Final FY2022	Final FY2023	FY2023 Change
\$200M	\$240M	+\$40M (+20%)

Of the additional FY2023 funding identified, \$7.5M has been set aside for culturally specific services, \$2M for the Native Hawaiian Resource Center, and an additional \$5M for sexual assault technical assistance.

Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) HHS, Office of the Administration for Children & Families

CCDBG is the primary federal grant program that provides childcare assistance to families and funds childcare support programs and initiatives. YWCAs across the nation have received CCDBG or Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) funds and the support remains critical to their programs.

Final FY2022	Final FY2023	FY2023 Change
\$6.165B	\$8.021B	+\$1.856B (+30%)

The FY2023 final package also included increased funding for Head Start, critical to expanding access to children and families, which YWCA supports. YWCA USA also advocated for robust funding to hiring and retaining a skilled childcare workforce.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND SCIENCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims DOJ, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

The transitional housing assistance program is crucial for the safety and stability of survivors and their families. According to OVW, 10 YWCAs in the past three years have received \$4.5 million through Transitional Housing Assistance to support their transitional housing, short-term housing, and related services. They also utilize several OVW grants including the rural and legal assistance, justice for families, children exposed to violence, and engaging men and boys to meet needs and provide services.

Final FY2022	Final FY2023	FY2023 Change
\$43M	\$50M	+\$7M (+16.28%)

In the FY2023 final package, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) programs are funded at \$700 million, \$125 million above the FY2022 enacted levels.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Continuum of Care (CoC)

HUD, Office of Community Planning and Development

The HUDExchange reports that, over the past six years, 54 YWCAs from 24 states have used Continuum of Care (CoC) funding to support people experiencing homelessness, including survivors of domestic and sexual violence. In 2020, 23 YWCAs from 15 states across the country received over \$8.3 million from the CoC Domestic Violence Bonus Projects program to provide rapid rehousing and other housing options to survivors.

Final FY2022	Final FY2023	FY2023 Change
\$2.809B	\$3.154B	+\$34M (+12.28%)
\$52M for DV	\$52M for GBV	Flat GBV+

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program

HUD, Office of Community Planning and Development

Up to 57% of women experiencing homelessness indicate that domestic violence was the immediate cause. According to USASpending, 46YWCAs from 25 states received at least \$9.4 million over the past six years to support permanent and stable housing and services under this program leading to improved outcomes for women, children, and families.

Final FY2022	Final FY2023	FY2023 Change
\$290M	\$290M	Flat

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